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THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE & FRIENDS

Based on The Railway Series

by

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Episode 1

"Thomas and Gordon"

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

1 Thomas is a tank engine who lives at a big station on the Island of Sodor.

He's a cheeky little engine with six small wheels, a short stumpy funnel, a short stumpy boiler and a short stumpy dome.

2 He's a fussy little engine too, always pulling coaches about ready for the big engines to take on long journeys.

3 And when trains come in he pulls the empty coaches away so that the big engines can go and rest.

4 Thomas thinks no engine works as hard as he does. He loves playing tricks on them, including Gordon the biggest and proudest engine of all.

5 Thomas likes whistling rudely at him.

"Wake up, lazybones. Why don't you work hard like me?

6 One day after pulling the big express, Gordon had arrived back at the sidings very tired.

He was just going to sleep when Thomas came up in his cheeky way.

"Wake up, lazybones. Do some hard work for a change. You can't catch me."

and off he ran laughing.

7 Instead of going to sleep again, Gordon thought how he could get back at Thomas.

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NARRATIVE

8

One morning Thomas wouldn't wake up. His driver and fireman couldn't make him start.

His fire went out and there was not enough steam.

It was nearly time for the express.

People were waiting but the coaches weren't ready.

9

At last Thomas started. "Oh dear! Oh dear!" he yawned.

10

He fussed into the station where Gordon was waiting.

"Hurry up you", said Gordon.

"Hurry yourself," replied Thomas.

11

Gordon began making his plan.

"Yes," said Gordon, "I will,"

and almost before the coaches had stopped moving Gordon reversed quickly and was coupled to the train.

"Get in quickly, please," he whistled.

12

Thomas usually pushed behind the big trains to help them start. But he was always uncoupled first.

This time Gordon started so quickly they forgot to uncouple Thomas.

Gordon's chance had come.

"Come on, come on," puffed Gordon to the coaches.

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NARRATIVE

13 The train went faster and faster. Too fast for Thomas. He wanted to stop but he couldn't.

"Peep! Peep! Stop! Stop!"

14 "Hurry, hurry, hurry," laughed Gordon.

"You can't get away. You can't get away," laughed the coaches.

15 Poor Thomas was going faster than he had ever gone before. He was out of breath and his wheels hurt him, but he had to go on.

"I shall never be the same again," he thought sadly. "My wheels will be quite worn out."

16 At last they stopped at a station.

Thomas was uncoupled and he felt very silly and exhausted.

17 Next he went on to a turntable thinking of everyone laughing at him and then he ran onto a siding out of the way.

18 "Well, little Thomas," chuckled Gordon, "now you know what hard work means, don't you?"

Poor Thomas couldn't answer, he had no breath. He just puffed slowly away to rest,

and had a long, long drink.

19 He went home very slowly, and was careful afterwards never to be cheeky to Gordon again.

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"Edward and Gordon"

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

1

One day Edward was in the shed where he lived with the other engines.

They were all bigger than Edward and boasted about it.

"The driver won't choose you again," said Gordon. "He wants strong engines like us."

2

But the driver and fireman felt sorry for Edward.

"Would you like to come out today?"

"Yes, please," said Edward.

So they lit his fire, made lots of steam, and Edward puffed away.

Pause

The other engines were very cross at being left behind.

3

Edward worked hard all day. The coaches thought he was very kind, and the driver was very pleased.

4

"I'm going out again tomorrow," Edward told the other engines that night.

"What do you think of that?"

Pause

But he didn't hear what they thought, for he was so tired and happy that he fell asleep at once.

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

5

Next morning Edward woke up to find nothing had changed. Gordon was still boasting.

"You watch me, little Edward, as I rush through with the express; that will be a splendid sight for you."

Pause

"Good-bye, little Edward. Look out for me this afternoon."

6

Edward went off to do some shunting.

Edward liked shunting. It was fun playing with trucks. He would come up quietly and give them a push.

Then he would stop and the silly trucks would go bump into each other.

"Ooh!" they cried. "Whatever is happening?"

7

Edward played till there were no more trucks.

Then he stopped to rest.

Presently he heard a whistle.

8

Gordon was very cross. Instead of nice shining coaches, he was pulling a lot of very dirty trucks.

"A goods train. A goods train. A goods train," he grumbled.

"The shame of it. The shame of it. The shame of it."

9

Edward laughed, and went to find some more trucks.

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

10

Then there was trouble.

"Gordon can't get up the hill," the porter called to Edward's driver.

"Will you take Edward and push him, please?"

11

They found Gordon half-way up and very cross. His driver and fireman were talking to him severely.

"You're not trying."

"I can't do it," said Gordon. "The noisy trucks hold an engine back so."

12

Edward's driver came up.

"We've come to push."

"No use at all," said Gordon.

"You wait and see," replied Edward's driver.

13

They brought the train back to the bottom of the hill.

"I'm ready," said Edward.

"No good," grumbled Gordon.

They pulled and pushed as hard as they could.

Pause

"I can't do it. I can't do it. I can't do it," puffed Gordon.

"I will do it. I will do it. I will do it," puffed Edward.

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

14

Edward pushed and puffed and puffed and pushed as hard as ever he could.

And almost before he realised it, Gordo found himself at the top of the hill.

"I've done it. I've done it. I've don it," he said proudly.

He forgot all about Edward and didn't wait to say thank you.

15

Edward was left out of breath and far behind.

He ran on to the next station, and there he found that the driver and fireman were very pleased with him.

16

The fireman gave him a nice long drink and the driver said,

"I'll get out my paint tomorrow, and give you a beautiful coat of blue with red stripes, then you'll be the smartest engine in the shed."

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Episode 3

"The Sad Story of Henry"

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

1 Once, an engine attached to a train was afraid of a few drops of rain.

Pause

It went into a tunnel and squeaked through its funnel and wouldn't come out again.

2 The engine's name is Henry.

His driver and fireman argued with him, but he would not move.

"The rain will spoil my lovely green paint and red stripes," he said.

3 The guard blew his whistle till he had no more breath, and waved his flag till his arms ached. But Henry still stayed in the tunnel and blew steam at him.

"I'm not going to spoil my lovely green paint and red stripes for you."

4 Then - along came Sir Topham Hatt the man in charge of all the engines on Sodor. They call him the Fat Controller

5 "We will pull you out," said the Fat Controller.

But Henry only blew steam at him.

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NARRATIVE

6

Everyone pulled except the Fat Controller, "Because," he said, "my doctor has forbidden me to pull."

But still Henry stayed in the tunnel.

Then they tried pushing from the other end.

The Fat Controller said "One, two, three, push."

But he didn't help. "My doctor has forbidden me to push," he said.

They pushed and pushed and pushed.

But still Henry stayed in the tunnel.

7

At last Thomas came along.

The guard waved his red flag and stopped him.

8

Everyone argued with Henry.

"Look, it has stopped raining," they said.

"Yes, but it will begin again soon," said Henry. "And what would become of my green paint with red stripes then

9

Thomas pushed and puffed, and pushed as hard as ever he could.

Pause

But still Henry stayed in the tunnel.

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

10

Eventually, even the Fat Controller gave up.

"We shall take away your rails," he said, "and leave you here for always and always and always."

They took up the old rails and built a wall in front of him so that Henry couldn't get out of the tunnel anymore.

11

All he could do was to watch the trains rushing through the other tunnel. He was very sad because he thought no one would ever see his lovely green paint with red stripes again.

12

As time went on Edward and Gordon would often pass by.

Edward would say "Peep, peep - hullo."

and Gordon would say "poop, poop, poop. Serves you right."

13

Poor Henry had no steam to answer. His fire had gone out;

soot and dirt from the tunnel had spoilt his lovely green paint and red stripes anyway.

He wondered if he would ever be allowed to pull trains again.

But I think he deserved his punishment, don't you?

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"Edward, Gordon and Henry"

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

1

Gordon always pulled the big express. He was proud of being the only engine strong enough to do so.

It was full of important people, like the Fat Controller, and Gordon was seeing how fast he could go.

Pause

"Hurry, hurry, hurry," he said.

"Trickety-trock, trickety-trock, trickety-trock," said the coaches.

2

In a minute Gordon would see the tunnel where Henry stood bricked up and lonely

"Oh dear," thought Henry. "Why did I worry about rain spoiling my lovely coa of paint. Will the Fat Controller ever forgive me and let me out again?"

3

"I'm going to poop, poop at Henry," said Gordon.

He was almost there

when

("Wheee-------eeshshsh" (SFX))

and there was Gordon going slower and slower in a cloud of steam.

His driver stopped the train.

4

"What has happened to m?" askd Gordon. "I feel so weak."

"You've burst your safety valve," said the driver. "You can't pull the train anymore."

"Oh dear," said Gordon. "We were going so nicely, too.

"and look there's Henry laughing at me.

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

Everyone came to see Gordon.

5 "Humph," said the Fat Controller. "I never liked these big engines -

always going wrong; send for another engine at once."

6 While the guard went to find one

they uncoupled Gordon who had enough puff to slink onto the sidng out of the way.

Edward was the only engine left.

"I'll come and try," he said.

Pause

"Pooh!" said Gordon.

7 "That's no use. Edward can't push the train."

Edward puffed and pushed and pushed and puffed,

but he couldn't move the heavy coaches.

"I told you so," said Gordon.

"Why not let Henry try?"

8 "Yes," said the Fat Controller. "I will."

"Will you help pull this train, Henry?" he asked.

"Oh yes," said Henry.

NOTES

NARRATIVE

9

When Henry had got up steam, he puffed out.

He was dirty and covered with cobwebs.

"Ooh! I'm stiff. I'm stiff." he groaned.

"Have a run to ease your joints, and find a turntable said the Fat Controll

Pause

When Henry came back he felt much bett

10

Then they coupled him up.

"Peep, peep," said Edward. "I'm ready.

"Peep, peep, peep," said Henry. "So am I."

"Pull hard. We'll do it. Pull hard. We'll do it," they puffed together.

11

"We've done it together. We've done it together," said Edward and Henry.

"You've done it, hurray! You've done it, hurray!" sang the coaches.

12

Everyone was excited.

The Fat Controller leaned out of the window to wave at Edward and Henry, but the train was going so fast that his hat blew off into a field where a goat ate it for tea.

NOTES

NARRATIVE

13

They never stopped till they came to the station at the end of the line.

The passengers all said "Thank you."

and the Fat Controller promised Henry a new coat of paint.

14

On their way home Edward and Henry helped Gordon back to the shed.

All three engines are now great friends

Henry doesn't mind the rain now. He knows that the best way to keep his paint nice is not to run into tunnels, but to ask his driver to rub him down when the day's work is over.

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Episode 5

"Thomas's Train"

NOTES	NARRATIVE
1	Thomas the Tank Engine was grumbling to the other engines. "I spend my time pulling coaches about ready for you to take out on journeys." The other engines laughed. "Why can't I pull passenger tains too?" "You're too impatient," they said. "You'd be sure to leave something behind." "Rubbish," said Thomas. "I'll show you.
2	One night he and Henry were alone. Henry was ill. The men worked hard, but he didn't get better.
3	He felt just as bad next morning. Henry usually pulled the first train and Thomas had to get his coaches ready. "If Henry is ill," he thought "perhaps I shall pull his train."
4	Thomas ran to find the coaches. "Come along. Come along," he fussed. "There's plenty of time. There's plenty of time," they grumbled.

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NOTES	NARRATIVE
5	Thomas took them to the platform and wanted to run round in front at once. But his driver wouldn't let him. "Don't be impatient, Thomas." Thomas waited and waited.
6	The people got in. The guard and station master walked up and down. The porter banged the doors, and still Henry didn't come. Thomas got more and more excited.
7	The Fat Controller came to see what was the matter, and the guard and the station master told him about Henry. "Find another engine," he ordered. "There's only Thomas," they said. "You'll have to do it then, Thomas. Be quick now!"
8	So Thomas ran round to the front and backed down on the coaches ready to start. "Don't be impatient," said his driver. "Wait till everything is ready." But Thomas was too excited to listen.

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

9

What happened then no one knows.

Perhaps they forgot to couple Thomas to the train. Or perhaps the driver pulled the lever by mistake.

Anyhow Thomas started.

As he passed the first signal box men waved and shouted. But he didn't stop.

10

"They're waving because I'm such a splendid engine," he thought importantly "Henry says it's hard to pull trains, but I think it's easy."

"Hurry, hurry, hurry," he puffed, pretending to be like Gordon.

11

"People have never seen me pulling a train before. It's nice of them to wave," and he whistled. "Peep, peep, thank you."

12

Then he came to a signal at "DANGER".

"Bother," he thought. "I must stop and I was going to nicely too. What a nuisance signals are."

He blew an angry "Peep, peep" on his whistle.

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NARRATIVE

13

The signalman ran up. "Hullo, Thomas," he said. "What are you doing here?"

"I'm pulling a train," said Thomas. "Can't you see?"

"Where are your coaches then?"

Thomas looked back. "Why bless me," he said "if we haven't left them behind."

"Yes," said the signalman "you'd better go back quickly and fetch them."

14

Poor Thomas was so sad he nearly cried.

"Cheer up," said his driver. "Let's go back quickly, and try again."

15

At the station all the passengers were talking at once. They were telling the Fat Controller what a bad railway it was.

But when Thomas came back they saw how sad he was and couldn't be cross.

He was coupled to the train and this time he really pulled it.

16

But for a long time afterwards the other engines laughed at Thomas and said

"Look, there's Thomas, who wanted to pull a train, but forgot about the coaches."

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Episode 6

"Thomas and the Trucks

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

1.

Thomas the Tank Engine wouldn't stop being a nuisance. Night after night he kept the other engines awake.

"I'm tired of pushing coaches. I want want to see the world."

The other engines didn't take much notice, for Thomas was a little engine with a long tongue.

2

But one night, Edward came to the shed.

He was a kind little engine, and felt sorry for Thomas.

"I've got some trucks to take home tomorrow.

"If you take them instead of me I'll push coaches in the yard."

"Thank you" said Thomas "that will be nice."

3

Next morning Edward and Thomas asked their drivers, and when they said "Yes," Thomas ran off happily to find trucks.

4

Now trucks are silly and noisy. They talk a lot and don't attend to what they are doing.

And I'm sorry to say, they play tricks on an engine who is not used to them.

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

5

Edward knew all about trucks. He warned Thomas to be careful, but Thomas was too excited to listen.

6

The shunter fastened the coupling,

and when the signal dropped Thomas was ready.

The guard blew his whistle.

"Peep. Peep!" answered Thomas and started off.

7

But the trucks weren't ready.

"Oh, oh, oh," they screamed. "Wait Thomas, wait."

But Thomas wouldn't wait.

"Come on, come on" he puffed.

"Alright, alright. don't fuss, alright, don't fuss," grumbled the trucks.

8

Thomas began going faster and faster.

"Wheeeee" he whistled, as he rushed through Henry's tunnel.

Pause

Then he was out into the open country-side once more.

They rumbled pass fields and they clattered through stations.

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

9

"Hurry, hurry" called Thomas.

He was feeling very proud of himself.

But the trucks grew crosser and crosser.

10

At last Thomas slowed down as he came to Gordon's hill.

"Steady now, steady," warned the driver, as they reached the top.

He began to ptu on the brakes.

"We're stopping, we're stopping," called Thomas.

11

"No, no, no, no!" answere the trucks, bumping into each other.

"Go on, go on".

Before the driver could stop them they had pushed Thomas down the hill

and were rattling and laughing behind him.

12

Poor Thomas tried hard to stop them from making him go too fast.

"Stop pushing, stop pushing," he hissed.

but the trucks took no notice.

"Go on, go on," they giggled in their silly way.

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

13

Thomas was travelling much too fast and at any moment he would reach the next station.

"There's the station. Oh dear, what shall I do?" he cried.

They rattled straight through and swerved into the goods yard.

Thomas shut his eyes. "I must stop".

14

When he opened his eyes he saw he had stopped just in front of the buffers.

There watching him was

the Fat Controller.

15

"What are you doing here, Thomas?" he asked.

"I've brought Edward's trucks," Thomas answered.

"Why did you come so fast?"

"I didn't mean to. I was pushed," said Thomas.

"You've got a lot to learn about trucks then little Thomas."

"After pushing them about here for a few weeks you'll know almost as much about them as Edward.

"Then you'll be a Really Useful Engine."

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Episode 7

"Thomas and the Breakdown Train"

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

1

Every day the Fat Controller came to the station to catch his train.

"Hullo" he always said to Thomas. "Remember, don't be impatient, Thomas, you can never be as strong and fast as Gordon but you can be a Really Useful Engine. Don't let the silly trucks tease you."

2

There were lots of trucks

and Thomas worked very hard pushing and pulling them into place.

3

There was also a small coach and two strange things his driver called cranes.

"That's the breakdown train" he told Thomas.

"The cranes are for lifting heavy things like engines and coaches and trucks."

4

One day, Thomas was in the yard.

Suddenly he heard an engine whistling.

"Help! Help!"

A goods train came rushing through much too fast.

The engine was James - and he was frightened.

His brake blocks were on fire.

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

5

"They're pushing me. They're pushing me" he panted.

"On, on, on" laughed the trucks.

Still whistling "Help, help!" poor James disappeared.

Pause

"I'd like to teach those trucks a lesson," said Thomas the Tank Engine.

6

Soon came the alarm.

"James is off the line - the breakdown train - quickly."

Thomas was coupled on and off they went.

7

Thomas worked his hardest.

"Hurry, Hurry, Hurry" he puffed. He wasn't pretending to be like Gordon. He really meant it.

"Bother those trucks and their tricks. I hope poor James isn't hurt."

8

(They found James at a bend in the line.)
(He was in a field with a cow looking)
(at him.)

9

James's driver and firemen were feeling him all over to see if he was hurt.

"Never mind, James" they said. "It wasn't your fault. It was those wooden brakes they gave you. We always said they were no good".

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

Thomas pushed the breakdown train along side.

Then he pulled the unhurt trucks out of the way.

"Oh dear, oh dear." they groaned.

"Serves you right. Serves you right" puffed Thomas.

10

He was hard at work puffing backwards and forwards all afternoon.

"This'll teach you a lesson. This'll teach you a lesson." He told the trucks.

and they answered "Yes - it - will, yes - it - will".

They left the broken trucks.

11

Then with two cranes they put James back on the Rails.

He tried to move but he couldn't.

12

So Thomas helped him back to the shed.

The Fat Controller was waiting anxiously for them.

13

"Well, Thomas," he said. "I've heard all about it, and I'm very pleased ith you."

"You're a Really Useful Engine."

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

14

"James shall have some proper brakes and a new coat of paint,

"and you shall have a branch line all to yourself."

"Oh, Thank you Sir!" said Thomas.

15

Now Thomas is as happy as can be. He has a branch line and two coaches called Annie and Clarabel.

He puffs proudly backwards and forwards with them, all day.

He is never lonely.

Edward and Henry stop quite often, and tell him the news.

16

Gordon is always in a hurry

but never forgets to say "Poop, poop."

and Thomas always whistles "Peep, peep" in return.

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Episode 8

"James and the Coaches"

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

1

James was enjoying his life on the Island of Sodor, but he still had a lot to learn.

2

"You're a special mixed traffic engine, said the Fat Controller. "you can pull coaches or trucks quite easily, but you must learn by your mistakes."

James knew what the Fat Controller mean

He could well remember the dreadful accident on his first day.

3

"Be careful with the coaches, James," said Edward. "They don't like being bumped."

4

Everyone came to admire James.

"I'm a really splendid engine" he thought and suddenly let off steam. "Whee-ee-ee-ee-ee-eesh!"

A shower of water fell on the Fat Controller's nice new top-hat.

5

Just then the Guard blew his whistle and James thought they had better go.

"Go on, go on" he puffed to Edward.

"Don't push, don't push," replied Edward.

The coaches were grumbling too. "Don't go so fast,don't go so fast."

but James didn't listen.

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

6

When at last they stopped at the next station two coaches were beyond the platform.

They had to go back to let the passenger out.

But no one seemed to know about the Fat Controller's top-hat, so James felt happier.

7

Presently they came to the station where Thomas was waiting with his two coaches.

"Hullo, James!" said Thomas "feeling better. That's right".

PUFF

"Oh, that's my guard's whistle. I must go. I don't know what the Fat Controller would do without me to run this branch line."

and he puffed off importantly.

8

Edward and James passed the field where James had had his accident. The fence was mended and the cows were back again.

9

They ended their journey and rested before setting off for home. James was still wondering what the Fat Controller would have to say about his top-hat.

10

Next morning the Fat Controller spoke severely to him.

"If you can't behave, I shall take away your red coat and have you painted blue.

James didn't like that at all.

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

He was very rough with the grumbling coaches as he brought them to the platform.

11

"Don't talk. Come on," he called to them.

Gordon never has to fetch his own coaches he thought to himself, and he's only painted blue.

12

To make James even more cross, this time no-one came near him.

"I'll show them," he thought. "They think Gordon is the only engine who can pull coaches."

13

"Hurry, hurry, hurry" puffed James.

"You're going too fast, You're going too fast" replied the coaches.

James laughed and tried to go faster, but the coaches wouldn't let him.

"We're going to stop" they said. "We're - going - to stop".

14

"What's the matter?" James asked his driver.

"The brakes are hard on - leak in the pipe most likely. You've banged the coaches enough to make a leak in anything."

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

15

"How shall we mend it?" said the Guard.

"We'll do it with newspaper and a leather boot-lace,." replied the driver.

"Well, where is the boot-lace coming from?" asked the guard.

"Ask the passengers," said the driver.

16

"You have a leather boot-lace there I see sir," said the guard to a smartly dressed man. "Please give it to me."

"I won't"said the man.

"Then," said the guard "I'm afraid the train will just stop where it is."

The passengers all said what a bad railway it was.

Then they told the man how bad he was instead. Everyone was very cross.

17

At last he handed his laces over. The driver tied a pad of newspaper tightly round the hole in the brake pipe,

and James was able to pull the train.

18

But he was a sadder and wiser James and took care never to bump coaches again.

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Episode 9

"Troublesome Trucks"

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

1

James had not seen the Fat Controller for several days. He was left alone for being naughty and was not even allowed out to push coaches and trucks in the yard.

2

"Oh dear," he thought. I shall have to stay in the shed for always, and no one will see my red coat again. All because I went so fast I made a hole in one of my coaches that had to be mended with.... of all things..... a passengers boot lace.

3

At last the Fat Controller arrived.

"I see you are sorry, James," he said.

"I hope now that you will be a better engine."

"You have given me a lot of trouble. People are laughing at my railway, and I do not like that at all."

"I'm very sorry sir,"said James. "I will try hard to behave."

"That's a good engine," said the Fat Controller.

"I want you to pull some trucks for me."

James was delighted and puffed away.

4

"Here are your trucks, James," said Thomas. "Have you got some bootlaces ready?"

and he ran off laughing.

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

"Oh, oh, oh," said the trucks. "We want a proper engine, not a red monster

James took no notice and started as soon as the guard was ready.

5

"Come along, come along," he puffed.

"We won't, we won't," screamed the trucks.

But James didn't care, and he pulled the screeching trucks sternly out of the station.

The trucks tried hard to make him give up but he still kept on.

Sometimes their brakes would slip "on".

6

and sometimes their axles would "run hot."

And each time the trouble had to be put right,

pause

and each time James would start again, determined not to let them beat him.

"Give up, give up, you can't pull us. You can't. You can't." called the trucks.

7

"I can and I will. I can and I will." puffed James.

and slowly but surely he pulled them along the line.

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NARRATIVE

8

At last they saw Gordon's hill.

"Look out for trouble, James" warned his driver.

"We'll go fast and get them up before they know it. Don't let them stop you."

9

So James went faster and soon they were half way up.

"I'm doing it. I'm doing it." he panted. "Will the top never come?"

10

Then with a sudden jerk

it all came easier.

"I've done it. I've done it" he puffed.

"Hurray!" "it's easy now."

11

But his driver shut off steam.

"They've done it again,

"We've left our tail behind, look!"

12

The last trucks were running backwards down the hill.

The coupling had snapped.

But the guard stopped the trucks and got out to warn approaching engines.

13

"That's why it was easy," said James as he backed the other trucks carefully down. "What silly things trucks are. There might have been an accident."

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NARRATIVE

14

"Should I help you, James?" called Edward.

"No, thank you," answered James. "I'll pull them myself."

"Good, don't let them beat you,"

15

"You're doing well." whistled Edward,

as James slowly struggled up the hill.

16

"I can do it, I can do it," he puffed.

He pulled and puffed as hard as he could.

"I've done it, I've done it," he panted.

17

They reached their station safely and James was resting in the yard when Edward pulled up.

"Peep, peep" he whistled.

pause

Then.... James saw the Fat Controller.

"Oh dear. What will he say?" he asked himself.

18

But the Fat Controller was smiling.

"I was in Edward's train and I saw everything" he said.

"You've made the most troublesome trucks on the line behave."

"After that, you deserve to keep your red coat."

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"James and the Express"

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

1

One night Henry and Gordon were alone with James. Although the Fat Controlle was beginning to think well of him, whenever a chance came the other engine would talk of nothing but bootlaces.

"Remember the time one had to be used to get you out of trouble, James?" they would tease.

James tried to get his own back talking about engines who got shut up in tunnels and stuck on hills.

But they wouldn't listen.

2

"You talk too much, little James," said Gordon.

" A fine strong engine like me has something to talk about. I'm the only engine who can pull the express. When I'm not there they need two engines. Think of that.

"I've pulled expresses for years, and have never once lost my way.

"I seem to know the right line by instinct."

3

Every wise engine knows of course, that the signalman works the points to make engines run on the right lines, but Gordon was so proud he had forgotten.

4

"Wake up, James," said Gordon next morning. "It's nearly time for the express.

"What are you doing? Odd jobs?

"Ah well. We all have to begin somewhere don't we? Run along now and get my coaches - dont't be late."

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

5

James went to get Gordon's coaches.

They were all shining with lovely new paint.

He was careful not to bump them and they followed him smoothly into the station singing happily. "We're going away, we're going away."

"I wish I was going with you," said James. "I should love to pull the express and go flying along the line."

6

Gordon, with much noise and blowing of steam, got ready to back on to the train

7

The Fat Controller was on the train with other important people

and as soon as they heard the guard's whistle

Gordon started.

"Look at me now. Look at me now." he puffed, and the coaches glided after him.

"Poop poop poo poo poop. Good-bye little James. See you tomorrow."

8

James watched the train disappear, and then went back to work.

He pushed some trucks into their proper sidings

and went to fetch the coaches for another train.

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NARRATIVE

9 James had just brought the coaches to the platform when he heard a mournful noise,

there was Gordon trying to sidle into the station without being noticed.

10 "Hullo, Gordon. Is it tomorrow?" asked James.

Gordon didn't answer. He just let off steam feebly.

"Did you lose your way, Gordon?" said James.

"No, it was lost for me. I was switched off the main line on to the loop. I had to go all round and back again."

"Perhaps it was instinct," said James.

11 Meanwhile all the passengers hurried to the booking office. "We want our money back," they shouted.

But the Fat Controller climbed on a trolley

and blew the guard's whistle

so loudly that they all stopped to look at him.

Then he promised them a new train at once.

12 "Gordon can't do it," he said. "Will you pull it for us, James?"

"Yes, sir. I'll try."

13 So James was coupled on

and everyone got in.

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NARRATIVE

"Do your best, James" said the Fat Controller.

"Come along, come along" puffed James.

14

"You're pulling us well. You're pulling us well," sang the coaches.

"Hurry, hurry, hurry," puffed James.

Bridges and station flashed by.

15

The passengers cheered

and they soon reached the station.

Everyone said "Thank you" to James and the Fat Controller was every impressed.

"Well done," he said.

16

"Would you like to pull the express sometimes?"

"Yes please," answered James.

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NARRATIVE

17

Next day when James came by Gordon was pushing truck.

"I like some quiet work for a change," he said.

"I'm teaching these trucks manners. You did well with those coaches I hear.

"Good, we'll show them."

and he gave his trucks a bump.

18

James and Gordon are now good friends.

James sometimes takes the express to give Gordon a rest.

Gordon never talks about bootlaces and they are both quite agreed on the subject of trucks.

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"Thomas and the Guard"

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

1

Thomas the Tank Engine is very proud of his branch line.

He thinks it is the most important part of the whole railway.

His two coaches Annie and Clarabel agree with him.

2

Annie can only take passengers but Clarabel can take passengers, luggage and the guard.

They are both old and need new paint, but Thomas loves them very much.

3

As they run backwards and forwards along the line,

they sing songs to each other.

When Thomas starts from a station he sings,

"Oh come along, we're rather late, oh come along, we're rather late."

and the coaches sing, "We're coming along, we're coming along."

4

They don't mind what Thomas says to them because they know he is trying to please the Fat Controller, and they know too, that if Thomas is cross, he's not cross with them.

One day, they had to wait for Henry's train, which made Thomas very cross.

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

5

"How can I run my line properly if Henry is always late? He doesn't realise that the Fat Controller depends on me."

Thomas whistled impatiently. He wanted to leave but he had to wait for Henry's passengers.

6

At last Henry came.

7

"Where have you been lazy bones?" asked Thomas.

"Oh dear, my system is out of order; no one understands my case. You don't know what I suffer," moaned Henry.

"Rubbish!" said Thomas, "You're too fat you need exercise."

8

The guard blew his whistle and Thomas started so quickly that he left him behind.

The guard waved his red flag to stop Thomas but he was well on his way steaming out of the station.

9

"Come along. Come along," puffed Thomas.

but Clarabel didn't want to come.

"I've lost my nice guard, I've lost my nice guard," she sobbed.

Annie tried to tell Thomas what had happened.

"We haven't a guard, we haven't a guard."

but he was hurrying, and wouldn't listen.

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

10

Annie and Clarabel tried to put on their brakes,

but they couldn't without the guard.

"Where is our guard? Where is our guard?" they cried, but Thomas didn't stop till they came to a signal.

11

"Bother that signal," said Thomas. "What's the matter?"

"I don't know," said his driver. "The guard will tell us in a minute."

12

They waited and waited, but the guard didn't come.

"Peep peep peep peep. Where is the guard?" whistled Thomas.

"We've left him behind," sobbed Annie and Clarabel together.

13

Everyone looked

and there was the guard running as fast as he could along the line, with his flags in one hand and his whistle in the other.

He was very hot, so he had a drink

then told them all about it.

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

14

"I'm very sorry, Mr Guard," said Thomas.

"It wasn't your fault, Thomas," he replied.

"Look the signal is down, we can go. Let's make up for lost time."

15

Annie and Clarabel were so pleased to have their guard again, that they sang "As fast as you like, as fast as you like," to Thomas, all the way.

They reached the end of the line quicker than ever before.

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"Thomas goes Fishing"

NOTES

NARRATIVE

1

When Thomas puffed along his branch line he always looked forward to something special...

the sight of the river.

2

As he rumbled over the bridge he would see people fishing.

Thomas often wanted to stay and watch,

but his driver said "No. What would the Fat Controller say if we were late?'

But Thomas still thought it would be lovely to stop by the river.

3

Every time he met another engine he would say "I want to fish."

But they all had the same answer, "Engines don't go fishing."

"Silly stick in the muds." thought Thomas.

4

One day he stopped as usual to take in water at the station by the river.

"Out of Order"

"Bother." said Thomas. "I'm thirsty."

"Never mind," said his driver. "We'll get some water from the river "

NOTES

NARRATIVE

5 They found a bucket and some rope,

and went to the bridge.

6 Then the driver let the bucket down to the water.

The bucket was old, and had five holes.

So they had to fill it, pull it up, and empty it into Thomas's tank as quickly as they could several times over.

7 They finished at last.

"That's good. That's good." puffed Thomas,

and Annie and Clarabel ran happily behind.

8 Suddenly Thomas began to feel a pain in his boiler.

Steam began to hiss from his safety valve in an alarming way.

"There's too much steam," said his driver.

"Oh, dear," groaned Thomas. "I'm going to burst. I'm going to burst."

9 They damped down his fire

and struggled on.

"I've got such a pain. I've got such a pain ," Thomas hissed.

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NARRATIVE

10

They stopped just outside the last station

uncoupled Annie and Clarabel

and ran Thomas, who was still hissing fit to burst,

on a siding right out of the way.

11

Then while the guard telephoned for an Engine Inspector

the driver found notices in large letters

which he hung on Thomas in front and behind.

"Danger. Keep away."

12

Soon the Inspector and the Fat Controller arrived.

"Cheer up, Thomas," they said. "We'll soon put you right."

The driver told them what had happened.

"So the feed pipe is blocked," said the Inspector.

"I'll just look in the tanks."

13

He climbed up and peered in. Then he came down.

"Excuse me, sir. Please look in the tank and tell me what you see."

"Certainly, Inspector," replied the Fat Controller.

14

He clambered up, looked in and nearly fell off in surprise.

Pause

"Inspector," he whispered, "can you see fish?"

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

15

"Gracious goodness me. How did the fish get there, driver?"

"We must have fished them from the river with our bucket," replied Thomas's driver.

16

"Well, Thomas. So you and your driver have been fishing. But fish don't suit you. We must get them out."

17

They all took turns at fishing in Thomas's tank

while the Fat Controller looked on and told them how to do it.

18

When they had caught all the fish

they had a lovely picnic supper of fish and chips.

19

"That was good," said the Fat Controller.

"But fish don't suit you, Thomas. So you mustn't do it again."

"No, sir, I won't," said Thomas sadly. "Engines don't go fishing. It's too uncomfortable."

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"Thomas, Terence and the Snow"

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

1

Autumn had come to the Island of Sodor.

The fields were changing from yellow stubble to brown earth.

And a tractor was hard at work as Thoma puffed along.

2

Later, Thomas saw the tractor close by.

"Hullo" said the tractor, "I'm Terence: I'm ploughing."

"I'm Thomas; I'm pulling a train. What ugly wheels you've got."

"They're not ugly, they're caterpillars said Terence. "I can go anywhere. I don't need rails."

"I don't want to go anywhere," said Thomas. "I like my rails, thank you."

3

Winter came with dark clouds full of snow.

"I don't like it," said Thomas's driver A heavy fall is coming. I hope it doesn't stop us."

"Pooh!" said Thomas. "Soft stuff, nothing to it."

And he puffed on feeling cold but confident.

4

They finished their journey safely but by now the country was covered.

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

5

"You'll need your snow plough for the next journey Thomas," said his driver.

"Pooh! Snow is silly soft stuff - it won't stop me."

6

The snow plough was heavy and uncomfortable and made Thomas cross.

He shook it

and he banged it -

and when they got back, it was so damaged that the driver had to take it off.

"You're a very naughty engine" he said to Thomas.

7

Next morning Thomas's driver and fireman came early and worked hard to mend the snow plough, but they couldn't make it fit.

8

Thomas was pleased, "I shan't have to wear it, I shan't have to wear it," he puffed to Annie and Clarabel.

But they were rather worried.

"I hope it's alright, I hope it's alrigh they whispered to each other.

9

The driver was worried too. "It's not bad here," he said to the fireman, "but it's sure to be deep in the valley."

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NARRATIVE

10

"Silly soft stuff," puffed Thomas

"I didn't need that stupid old thing yesterday, and I shan't today. Snow can't stop me."

11

He rushed into a tunnel thinking how clever he was. But there was trouble ahead.

12

"Cinders and ashes." said Thomas. "I'm stuck" - and he was.

"Back, Thomas. Back." said his driver.

Thomas tried, but his wheels spun and he couldn't move.

13

The guard went back for help,

while everyone else tried to dig the snow away.

But as fast as they dug more snow slipped down until Thomas was nearly buried.

"Oh, my wheels and coupling rods. I shall have to stop here till I'm frozen. What a silly engine I am."

and Thomas began to cry.

14

At last a bus came to rescue the passengers.

and then, who should come to Thomas's rescue, but Terence.

Snow never worries him.

15

He pulled the empty coaches away

then came back for Thomas.

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NOTES

NARRATIVE

16

Thomas's wheels were clear, but still spun when he tried to move.

Pause

Terence tugged and slipped, and slipped and tugged, and at last dragged Thomas clear of the snow ready for the journey home.

17

"Thank you, Terence, your caterpillars are splendid," said Thomas.

"I hope you'll be sensible now, Thomas,' said his driver.

"I'll try," said Thomas and he puffed humbly away.